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Dear Sir/Madam:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement Pursuant (11 pages); and
2. Pre-paid Acknowledgment Postcard.

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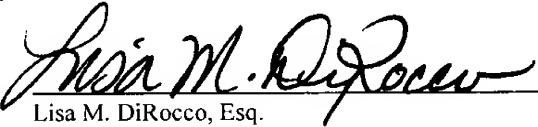
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, (Paper No. 13). Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: